

**TOWN OF URBANA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 16, 2013**

The Urbana Town Board held its Regular Meeting Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, 8014 Pleasant Valley Road, Bath, New York.

PRESENT:	John Webster	Supervisor
	John Jensen	Councilman
	Jim Presley	Councilman
	Tom Chadwick	Councilman
	Christine Kolo	Councilwoman
	Mary Farmer	Town Clerk
	David Buckley	Highway Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Anne Bartz, Bill Bartz, Edward P. Stull, Sue Sprague, Mary Orman, Richard Orman, Herman Heytmeijer, Lucy Knapp, Barbara Heytmeijer, Gary P. Vogt, Lela Martuscello, Paul Martuscello, Emery L Cummings, Sr., John Merriam, Gail Merriam, Bruce K. White, Rick Drain and Don Patoine.

Supervisor Webster opened the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Minutes

On motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2013.

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On motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Chadwick and carried, all voting Aye to approve the Minutes of July 2, 2013.

Abstracts

On motion by Councilwoman Presley, seconded by Councilman Chadwick and carried, all voting Aye to approve the July 2013 excluding D854 and A225.

On motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Chadwick and carried, all voting Aye to approve July 2013 Abstract #'s D854 and A225. Councilman Presley abstained.

Old Business

Urbana Parks Advisory Committee July 10th meeting report

Present: Dave Oliver, Bee Keck, Lee Dickson, Tom Chadwick, John Jensen, Chuck Peacock, Lance Locey.

Chuck Peacock (SCIDA) updated the committee on the TEP grant application. They have proposals from a couple engineering firms and are seeking another. After discussions with the DOT and engineers, the scope of the work has been reduced to the RR trail west of main and the trail to Museum. The estimated cost has increased (500,000 to 600,000.) It is hoped that much of the 20% match would be covered by the property market value and county's work to remove rail (or value of rail)

The committee was updated on the approved Keuka Watersports' revised project. Mr. Locey asked if renting rowing boats and small sail boats would be allowed ... members felt rowing boats would be included, and while the sail boats would be non-motorized, they suggested he ask the Town Board about them. The committee felt his signage questions should be directed to the code enforcement officer.

Tom explained stone material would be stockpiled at Curtiss Park soon. The Town crew would use this for the drainage work in the park.

We discussed trail options from RR to Museum. Chuck Peacock suggested having it cross as few of other properties as possible. It was agreed to focus the trail on Museum property but also to discuss the possibility of some trail on Legion property with the Am Legion.

John showed a couple types of ADA compliant Kayak launches and Lance Locey also gave us the name (EZDOCK.COM) that he has researched. We calculated the cost will be @ \$10,000 to buy and install an ADA compliant kayak launch in Curtiss.

We discussed the 'use of park' policies and Chuck Peacock suggested we obtain a copy of the Watkins Glen and Schuyler County policies as a starting point. John will ask Mary Farmer to contact the Village Clerk in Watkins (Donna Beerdsley) and request a copy.

We discussed the possibility of a wall map in the town hall to show our parks and trails plans to the public. Dave Oliver was going to look into this.

*John Jensen, Chair
Urbana Parks Advisory Committee*

Lance Locey – License Agreement

The Board reviewed the agreement Attorney Ryan drafted and changed it to only non-motorized boats and to include row boats and sail boats with no limit to the number of boats.

On motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Jensen and carried, all voting Aye to approve the amended agreement and allow Supervisor Webster to sign the agreement.

On motion by Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to authorize Supervisor Webster to take care of any requests from Mr. Locey in regards to non-motorized boats.

Fracking Moratorium Public Hearing Date

On motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Chadwick and carried, all voting Aye to schedule a Public Hearing on August 20th at 6:30 for the purpose of a fracking moratorium.

Highway Storage Barn

Superintendent Buckley said he is still waiting for a return call from a NYSEG engineer. He said the plan is to run the lines underground at no expense to the Town. Mr. Buckley also mentioned that 65% more is due on the bill to the builders with the final 10% due when the C of O is issued. Mr. Buckley told the Board about roof repairs that need to be done on the salt barn.

On motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Jensen and carried, all voting Aye to approve having the salt barn roof repaired.

Old Business

Mayor Emery Cummings

Mayor Cummings addressed the board regarding the creation of a DA Fund. He sent a letter (below) to the Board about his concerns and said that the Village Trustees officially oppose the idea of creating the DA Fund. Mr. Cummings explained that this is a hard time for everyone and that the Town and Village need to work together. Mr. Webster told the public that he is still collecting information on the DA Fund.

Date: 07/11/13

To: Town of Urbana Council

From: Village of Hammondsport Board of Trustees/Mayor

It has come to our attention that your Board is looking into creating a tax to charge the Village tax payers for the maintenance /snow plowing of Town roads. We feel with the cost of living this could create a major burden on our taxpayers. We strongly oppose this idea and feel it is not necessary for your operation. It is our belief that in the one hundred and fifty plus years of existence as a Village you have managed just fine in maintaining your roads without us carrying an extra burden. We as a Village Board have tried to work with the Town Board in many ways to keep peace in the community.

At our July 9th board meeting we made a Board Resolution opposing this Tax Idea. We would all hope in the sake of cooperation you would reconsider this idea, and let's move forward working together to make our community a better place for all our citizens.

Regards

Emery L. Cummings Jr. Mayor Village of Hammondsport

Park Use Application - Once Upon A Lake Storytelling

On motion by Councilman Chadwick, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo and carried, all voting Aye to approve the use of Depot Park on September 20th from 7am-9pm and September 21st from 10am-4pm.

Property Use Application – The Mason’s

On motion by Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Presley and carried, all voting Aye to allow the Masons use of the old town barn parking lot for their trailer from August 19th through August 25th.

Approve Conference Attendance – Terry DeBuck

On Motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Chadwick and carried, all voting Aye to approve conference attendance for Mr. DeBuck on August 14th.

Appoint Doug Robinson to the Safety/Workplace Violence Committee

On Motion by Councilwoman Kolo, seconded by Councilman Jensen and carried, all voting Aye to appoint Mr. Robinson to the Safety/Workplace Violence Committee.

Other/Public Comment

The Board discussed the mooring portion of the no parking ordinance. Attorney Ryan will draft the ordinance.

Richard Orman asked about the rationale behind the creation of the DA Fund. Supervisor Webster explained that the State allows Towns to spread tax out and up to this point all snow removal is being funded by residents outside of the village.

Rick Drain suggested having a public meeting to inform the resident's.

Paul Martuscello said he was against the DA Fund and if the Town is looking for excess money, the Town should look at the highway. Per mile Urbana is the most expensive.

Christine Kolo said the Department of Health came for a visit and everything went well. She

also said she had the DEC do a roundup of geese at no cost to the Town.

Sue Sprague said she would like a public meeting and asked if the village residents should do a petition.

Supervisor Webster said the Board needs to rescind the resolution creating the DA Fund. He said the resolution was not proper or complete.

With no further business, on a motion by Councilman Presley, seconded by Councilwoman Kolo, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Carried unanimously by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary M. Farmer
Town Clerk